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**SUBJECT: PER – More Ecological Sciences and Planning Winter Training Opportunities.**

**Purpose. To encourage NRCS employees, partners, and Technical Service Providers to receive training to maintain their knowledge and skill in planning and implementing conservation management systems**

**Expiration Date. September 30, 2009**

Several annually occurring events provide NRCS field employees, partners, Technical Service Providers, and other consultants the opportunity to acquire knowledge and competencies about planning and implementing conservation systems. Certified Conservation Planners can obtain their continuing education credit requirements in the nutrient management, grazing, and optional categories by attending the preapproved events listed below. The number of credit hours available for each event is shown in parentheses ( ). Attendance at these events must be documented in the employee's Individual Development Plan (IDP) in order to receive Certified Conservation Planner Continuing Education Credits (CEC).

- February 9-10, 2009 **(2 Grazing)**  
Southeast PA Grazing Conference  
Hoffman Building, Solanco Fairgrounds, Route 472 South, Quarryville, PA,  
Contact: Roman Stoltzfoos (610) 593-2415 or  
Lancaster County Graziers, 1143 Gap Road, Kinzers, PA 17535
- February 11, 2009 **(4 No Till/Cover Crops)**  
Northeast PA No-till Conference 2009  
Wednesday, February 11, 2009  
Harford Volunteer Fire Company  
Harford, PA 18823  
Contact: [Ryan.Koch@pa.usda.gov](mailto:Ryan.Koch@pa.usda.gov)
- February 20, 2009 **(2 Grazing / 2 Energy)**  
Solar/Wind Water Pumping Training  
NRCS Technical Office, Bloomsburg PA; register by February 11, 2009  
Contact: [sue@pnercd.org](mailto:sue@pnercd.org)
- March 6 – 7, 2009 **(4 Grazing if attending both days, 2 for one day)**  
2009 Appalachian Grazing Conference  
Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa, Morgantown WV  
Contact: [joseph.hatton@wv.usda.gov](mailto:joseph.hatton@wv.usda.gov)
- March 17, 2009 **(2 Grazing)**

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2009 Northwest PA Grazing Conference  
Tri-County Church, DuBoise PA  
Contact: Headwaters RC&D @ 814-375-1372 x 4

- March 18 – 19, 2009 (**No CEC**)  
Nutrient Management Orientation  
PA Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg PA  
Contact: Mike Aucoin @ [717-772-5218](tel:717-772-5218)
- March 19, 2009 (**2 Energy**)  
Troy Grazing Conference  
Troy PA; register by March 6, 2009  
Contact: Endless Mts. RC&D @ 570-865-6969 x 5
- March 20, 2009 (**2 Grazing**)  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast PA Grazing Conference  
Harford PA; register by March 6, 2009  
Contact: Pocono Northeast RC&D – [ryan.koch@pa.usda.gov](mailto:ryan.koch@pa.usda.gov)
- April 7 – 8, 2009 (**4 Nutrient Management**)  
Managing Manure Nutrients Workshop  
Centre Co. Solid Waste Authority, Bellefonte PA  
Contact: Mike Aucoin @ [717-772-5218](tel:717-772-5218)
- April 21 – 22, 2009 (**Certification Prerequisite**)  
Stormwater Management Workshop  
Myers Farm, Spring Mills PA  
Contact: Mike Aucoin @ [717-772-5218](tel:717-772-5218)
- April 23, 2009 (**No CEC**)  
Phosphorous Index Training  
Myers Farm, Spring Mills PA  
Contact: Mike Aucoin @ [717-772-5218](tel:717-772-5218)
- May 5 – 6, 2009 (**4 Nutrient Management**)  
Plan Writing Workshop  
Centre Co. Solid Waste Authority, Bellefonte PA  
Contact: Mike Aucoin @ [717-772-5218](tel:717-772-5218)
- May 13, 2009 (**2 Grazing**)  
Basic Pasture Management Workshop  
Super 8 Motel, State College PA  
Contact: Mike Aucoin @ [717-772-5218](tel:717-772-5218)
- May 20 – 21, 2009 (**4 Grazing**)  
ACA Evaluation Workshop  
Berks Co. Ag Center, Leesport PA  
Contact: Mike Aucoin @ [717-772-5218](tel:717-772-5218)



NRCS employees with identified training needs should request approval from their supervisor for attendance by using the mandatory SF-182 process in Aglearn and by notifying their ASTC. Upon approval, please send your completed registration form for the appropriate conference website to your Administrative Coordinator, no later than the registration dates listed on the appropriate website or form. All travel must be approved by the Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations. Employees approved for overnight travel must have their Area Coordinator prepare a travel authorization with “training attendance” as the purpose code. Employees approved for overnight lodging must make their own hotel reservations. All registration fees will be paid by the State Office so Administrative Coordinators should send registration forms for their area to reach Deb Eckley prior to the registration deadline.

These opportunities should also be promoted among Partners, Technical Service Providers and other consultants who may be assisting your field team to deliver technical assistance to the typical cropping operations in your service area.

/s/ Gary P. Smith, Acting

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